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CEMENT INTO A MIXING VESSEL FOR THESE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE


Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 29, 2001, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 8-11, 14-16, 27-30, 41-42, and 45 as follows.

 8. (Amended) An apparatus for mixing batches of a liquid and a powder component for preparation of bone cement, comprising:

a mixing vessel pre-filled with the powder component of the bone cement, said vessel defined by an outer wall having a top end, a bottom end and an interior, said top end formed with a sealable spout, said bottom end formed with an axially displaceable bottom;

a vacuum source connected to the interior of said mixing vessel for maintaining the interior of said mixing vessel under vacuum;

an agitator at least partially disposed within said vessel interior, said agitator comprising a tubular rod which extends upwardly out of said interior through said spout, and an

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